



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 203 **National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2001**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on August 1, 2001

SUMMARY

H.R. 203 would require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a pilot program for small business development centers (SBDCs) to counsel small business owners on compliance with federal and state regulations. SBDCs are cooperative efforts of the private sector, schools, and federal, state, and local governments to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.

H.R. 203 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year to fund the new program. Based on the SBA's historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$23 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 203 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 203 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	3	5	5	5	5

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 203 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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